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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Hehli *et al.* Confirmation No.: 2490  
Serial No.: 10/694,846 Art Unit: 3736  
Filed: October 29, 2003 Examiner: To be assigned  
For: OSTEOSYNTHETIC DEVICE Attorney Docket No: 8932-802-999

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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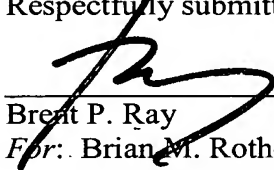
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004 be extended for a period of 3 month(s) from March 28, 2004 to and including June 28, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$950. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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